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	Examiner Name	P. Bianco	
	Title	Controlled Release System for Delivering Therapeutic Agents Into the Inner Ear	

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 11, 2001, which set a one month period for response, making this communication due on or before May 11, 2001.

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendments below. Please note that claims indicated as "Reiterated" are not amended, but simply re-presented for the Examiner's convenience.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Reiterated) A method for delivering therapeutic agents into the inner ear of a living subject through the round window niche and the round window membrane thereof, said method comprising:

providing a drug delivery unit comprised of at least one synthetic controlled release carrier media material and at least one therapeutic agent combined therewith, said carrier